

# In General

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## Acting Executive Director Appointed to Court Services

On April 29, 1991, Rod Wacowich became the Acting Executive Director of Court Services, filling a position that has been vacant since the departure of Bob Dunster some years ago.

Rod is 42 years old, lives in Edmonton, and is married with three children. He attended the University of Alberta, and was admitted to the Alberta Bar in June of 1975. From 1987 until his recent appointment, Rod was the Director of Legal Services, Civil Law Branch, in the Civil Division of the Department. As Director of Legal Services, he was responsible for the operation of this branch, which provides legal service to all departments of the Alberta government.

Prior to his appointment as Director of Legal Services, he was a lawyer in the Civil Law section of the Civil Division, becoming section head of litigation in 1986. As a senior barrister in the Civil Law Division, Rod appeared in all levels of the court in the province, the Supreme Court of Canada, the Federal Court and the Federal Court of Appeal. From 1988 to 1990 he was the Acting Director of the Family Law Branch, while continuing to act as the Director of Legal Services. Rod has also had experience in private practice, and was a Crown prosecutor in



*Rod Wacowich, Acting Executive Director of Court Services*

the Criminal Justice Division from 1976 to 1977.

Rod is currently a council member of the Alberta branch of the Canadian Bar Association and a member of the board of directors and treasurer of the Edmonton Bar Association. On two occasions he has served as the president of the Alberta Government Civil Lawyers Association, and has been involved with community organizations in a number of capacities.

While Rod has enjoyed his association with the Civil Law Division very much, he is looking forward to working in Court Services and says

"I am looking forward to the challenges facing Court Services, including implementing the new Administration of Justice Initiatives and responding to the recommendations of the Cawsey Task Force. Thanks to the able stewardship of Court Services management, and the hard work of Court Services staff, I am fortunate to commence my duties with a strong team. Our challenge is to improve the high quality of the Alberta justice system within the economic realities of the budget. I look forward to working with all of the staff and management of Court Services in responding to these challenges." ♦



# Chief Medical Examiner Accepts Association Presidency

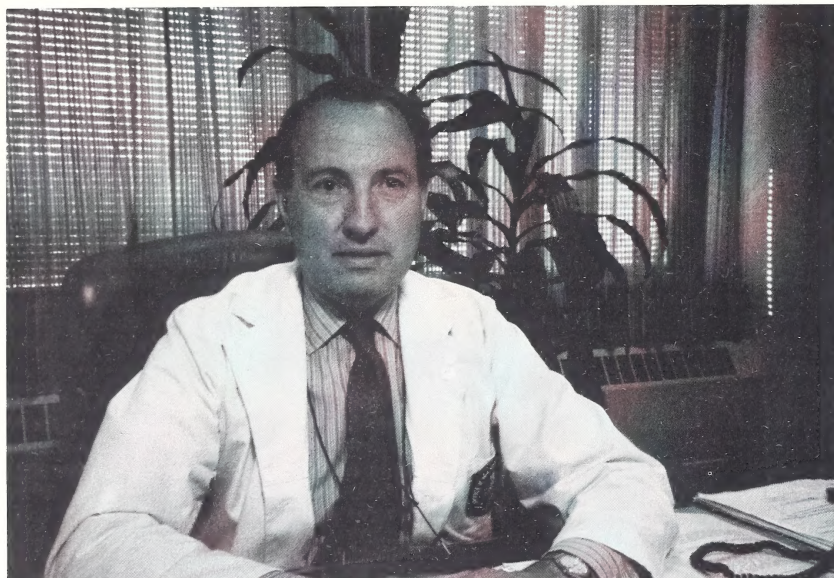
Dr. John Butt, Alberta's Chief Medical Examiner recently became the first Canadian president of the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME). The American-based Association is the largest professional organization of forensic pathologists, with membership from North America alone exceeding 800.

Dr. Butt joined the Association in 1978 and two years later was elected to the Board of NAME as its first Canadian member. He has remained on the board, occupying a position on the executive committee in 1981-83, with election to vice-president in 1989 and president in September 1990.

Dr. Butt has been chairman of the

Association's Committee on Tissue and Organ Donation since its inception in 1986. The committee is responsible for providing policy and guidelines to American death investigation jurisdictions when they deal with human tissue and organ procurement and transplantation agencies.

Dr. Butt indicated that he felt it "to be a substantial honour to be president of what is predominantly an American organization." Although there is not a great deal of travel involved with the office, this autumn is the 25th anniversary of the National Association of Medical Examiners, and the membership is celebrating by taking to the seas on a seven-day Hawaiian Island cruise. "A nice perk," said Dr. Butt. ♦



Dr. John C. Butt, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner

## Law Day '91

Criminal Justice, Civil Law and Court Services staff volunteered their time to make Law Day '91 a success. In Edmonton, Law Day was held at the Law Courts Building on Sunday, April 21, 1991 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The program included children's trials in both English and French, mock trials in the areas of family law, defamation law and criminal law, as well as an arbitration demonstration and educational tribunal.

In Calgary, Law Day was celebrated on Saturday, April 20, 1991 from 9:00

a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Court of Queen's Bench. The activities included tours and trial demonstrations throughout the day. The mock trials presented included a criminal matter before the Court of Appeal, a criminal trial, a civil trial, a family law trial, a young offender's trial, as well as Master's Chambers and a citizenship trial. In addition, there were open-houses at provincial courthouses in Drumheller on April 17, Fort McMurray on April 24, Slave Lake on April 19 and Lethbridge on April 19.

Chairpersons from the Provincial Law Day organization and the centres involved expressed their thanks for the excellent work done by the Attorney General volunteers. ♦

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# Three Crown Prosecutors Appointed Judges

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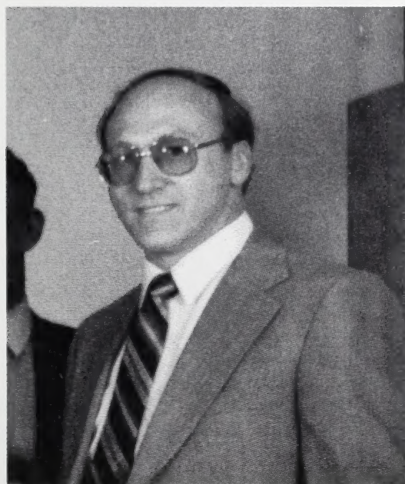
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## Manfred Delong

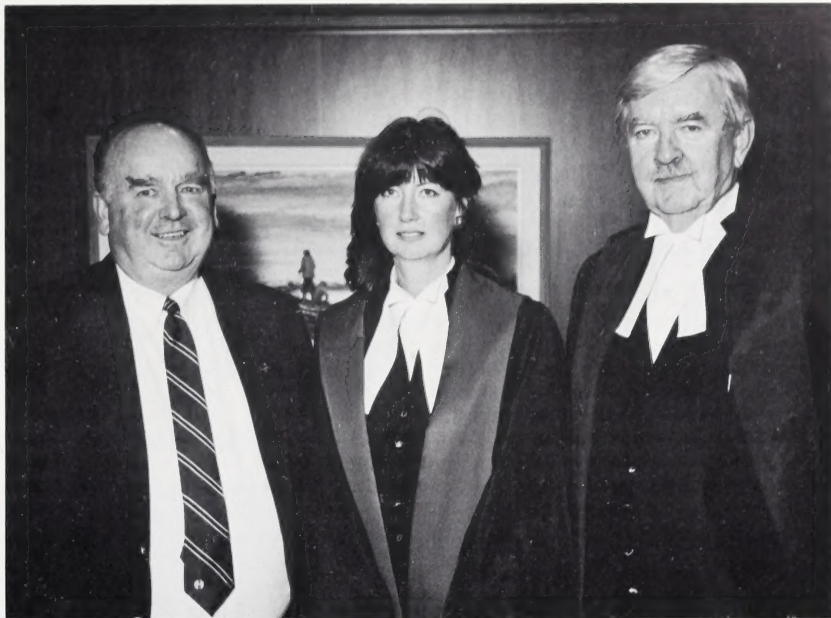
Manfred Delong, Q.C., most recently Chief Crown Prosecutor of the Calgary office, has been appointed Judge of the Provincial Court (Criminal Division) in Calgary. Mr. Delong's appointment is effective July 22, 1991, and the public swearing-in ceremony took place on July 23, 1991.

A graduate of Queen's University at Kingston Faculty of Law in 1973, Mr. Delong articulated for the federal Department of Justice in Edmonton before being called to the Alberta Bar in 1974. He practiced with the Department of Justice until 1979 when he moved to Calgary and became a prosecutor with the Department of the Attorney General. He was promoted to the position of Assistant Senior Agent in 1981, became Acting Senior Agent in 1985 and Chief Crown Prosecutor of the Calgary office in 1986.

Manfred and his wife Beverly, who is also a lawyer, have two children, Amanda (age 10) and Andrew (age seven). In speaking about his career with the Alberta Attorney General, Manfred said "I've always enjoyed working with the Department and all the people there." As Chief Crown Prosecutor of the Calgary office, Manfred Delong emphasized the "quasi judicial" role of the Crown,



*His Honour Judge M. Delong was sworn-in as a Provincial Court Judge on July 23, 1991.*



*Her Honour Judge S. Prowse-O'Ferrall with Chief Provincial Judge E.R. Wachowich and Judge H.S. Prowse at May 22, 1991 swearing-in ceremony.*

demonstrating concern and fairness not only for the public interest but also for the interest of accused persons.

## Sharron Prowse-O'Ferrall

Ms. Sharron Prowse-O'Ferrall was recently appointed Judge of the Provincial Court (Family and Youth Division) in Calgary. Her appointment was effective May 13, 1991.

Ms. Prowse-O'Ferrall obtained her law degree from the University of Alberta and articulated with the law firm of McLaws & Company before being called to the Alberta Bar in 1974. She joined the staff of the Attorney General as a Crown prosecutor the following year and during her career she conducted criminal prosecutions in all levels of the courts. She spent seven years with the Family & Youth Court Branch dealing with maintenance recovery, child welfare matters and all facets of the Young Offenders Act.

Ms. Prowse-O'Ferrall is the daughter of Mr. Justice Hubert Prowse of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench, and her

uncle, the late Mr. Justice D.C. Prowse, was a member of the Court of Appeal of Alberta. Sharron and her husband Brian, a partner with the law firm of Bennett Jones Verchere, have three daughters, Erin (age 14), Brandy (age 10) and Kelly (age nine).

## Eileen Nash

On May 13th, 1991, Eileen Nash was appointed a Judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta. She has assumed responsibility for duties in the Provincial Court (Criminal Division) in Edmonton.

Ms. Nash received her law degree from the University of Manitoba in 1974, and was admitted to the Law Society of Alberta the next year. She joined the Department in 1975, and acted as a Crown Prosecutor on behalf of the Attorney General of Alberta up to the date of her appointment. In 1985, Ms. Nash was appointed Assistant Chief Crown Prosecutor in the Edmonton office, and in 1988 she joined the Special Prosecutions Branch.

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# Youth Justice Committee Honoured

The communities of Wabasca, Desmarais and Sandy Lake honoured their Youth Justice Committee at a community dinner on May 9, 1991.

Present at the celebration, held in the gymnasium of the local high school, were the members of the committee, Chief Eric Alook, Ray Yellowknee and Chester Cunningham of Native Counselling, Judge Clayton Spence of the Provincial Court, Jim Jacques of the Fort McMurray Prosecutor's Office, Christine Nestman of Legal Aid and Sam Mason of the Fort McMurray Bar, together with representatives of many other organizations. Several hundred local people were in attendance.

The gathering opened with a traditional pipe ceremony led by Mike Beaver, a respected local elder. A series of speeches followed supper, with James Yellowknee offering a lively English translation of the Cree speakers. The elders stressed the importance of the community taking responsibility for its own young persons.

Judge Spence, who was instrumental in setting up the Wabasca-Desmarais Youth Justice Committee, as well as its

counterpart in Fort Chipewyan, gave primary credit to the initiative of Native Counselling and local people.

Jim Jacques, whose attempts to pronounce Cree evoked hilarity in the crowd, applauded the committee's work.

The Wabasca-Desmarais Youth Justice Committee is a group of native elders constituted to assist the court in arriving at appropriate dispositions for local youth. All youth sentencings in the community are referred to the committee, which in turn provides a report to the court.

Wabasca, Desmarais and Sandy Lake are predominantly native

communities approximately 300 km north of Edmonton. The Provincial Court comes to Desmarais twice a month from Fort McMurray.

Youth Justice Committees provide a link between the community and the justice system, and give the local community a voice and role in the administration of justice. The committees may involve the community in assisting with Alternative Measures Programs, bail supervision, and probation and sentence supervision. In Alberta, their main role has been recommending sentences of young offenders to the local judge. ♦

## Judges...

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In addition to her work in the Department, Ms. Nash was active in many other roles within the legal community. She served as Office Liaison to the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton, was a member of the Ethics Committee of the Law Society of Alberta, lectured for the Legal Education Society of Alberta, Federation of Law Societies of Canada and at the Bar Admission course. She has been regarded not only as competent counsel but as an example for junior barristers to emulate.

Both the Department and her colleagues presented her with gifts in recognition of her many years of valued work as an employee and fellow worker. While the Department has lost a valued Crown prosecutor, the Provincial Court has gained a talented new judge. ♦



*Her Honour Judge E. Nash at May 24, 1991 swearing-in ceremony.*



# Maintenance Enforcement Program

## Five Years of Service 1986-1991

When the Maintenance Enforcement Program opened its doors on February 3, 1986, there were 30 employees on staff. Five years later, 16 of these employees remain with the Program. In recognition of their dedication to the Program and service to the people of Alberta, these employees were presented with Certificates of Service by Deputy Attorney General Neil McCrank on April 5, 1991.

In speaking to the staff, Mr. McCrank traced the origin of the Program through his personal experience. He recalled the plans for creation of the Program being on the agenda at the federal and provincial Attorneys General Conference in November 1984. At that time, then

Attorney General Neil Crawford said that we were going to put together a first-class Maintenance Enforcement Program.

And in five years the Program has become the envy of most government departments and most governments in this country. Mr. McCrank referred to recent statistics he had received from

the Program as a "remarkable achievement" as a result of the hard work and dedication of the employees.

Dennis Medwid, Executive Director, Administration, congratulated the employees receiving certificates and said the Program has the best group of employees that he has ever had the pleasure of associating with. ♦



**Back Row (L to R):** Neil McCrank, Gerry Leibel, Ron Behnke, Angela Orel, Carol Kuehlke, Erna Collison, Nand Narine, Dan Klein, Dennis Medwid. **Front Row:** June Plemel, Lorraine Tronchin, Liz Harvey, Kate White, Jane Hagen. **Missing:** Maureen Banton, Jerika Gajewski, Iris Albrecht, Ray Croy.

# Lady Luck Shines on Court Reporters

Nineteen Court of Queen's Bench court reporters in Edmonton were not their usual staid, conservative selves at the end of March. In fact, they were downright jubilant... not at all surprising with "Lady Luck" as their counsel.

The group held one of three tickets that shared the 6/49 jackpot on March 27, and the ladies split the \$604,975.90 amongst the members. That worked out to a tidy sum of \$31,840.84 each.

Plans for their money were as varied as the winners. Some paid off bills or paid down mortgages. Others planned "dream" vacations. And some simply banked their winnings, presumably to take part in that little-known adventure called "watching the interest grow."



Most members of the Queen's Bench 6/49 group have been together for seven years. They have played 20 or more tickets on every draw, and they continue to buy tickets in hopes of finding success yet again.

Congratulations, ladies — and the best of luck in the future. ♦

**Back Row (L to R):** Dawn Roberts, Lynne Jordan, Christie Stone, Gail Debenham, Debbie Brower, Olga Koval, Darlene Sirman. **Middle Row:** Peggy Evans-Bill, Debbie Ragan, Sharon Jackson, Tina Chrapko, Diane Hermann. **Front Row:** Sherry Regamey, Marsha Beatty, Sonja Petryshyn, Anna Crichton, Linda Willard.



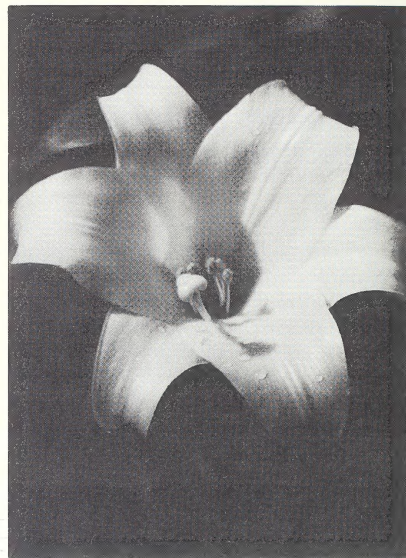
# Photographer Shows Work at Muttart

When she can not be found labouring over a computer in the Personnel Services Branch, Sylvia Tauscher is likely out lining up her next shot — with a camera, that is. And the culmination of her relentless pursuit to seize the next perfect subject resulted in her May exhibit at the Muttart Conservatory Gallery in Edmonton.

Sylvia's interest in photography was sparked in the spring of 1981, after purchasing a 35mm camera to replace her old Instamatic for a trip across Canada. To her surprise, the results of her efforts were quite intriguing, considering her lack of expertise. To

rectify her immediate lack of technical knowledge and experience, Sylvia committed herself to the study of the art of photography. But even now, after a 10-year span, she still considers herself to be on the "learning" edge.

Photography has become an all encompassing part of Sylvia's life. As an active member of the Alberta Canine Association (a four-year-old standard black poodle named Eddie is a member of her household), she has taken the opportunity to present the magnificence of a well-bred dog, both in the show ring and in her photography. Her work has been published in the magazine "Dogs



In Canada" as photographer of the Top Obedience Champion, 1989. In addition, her commissions include portraits of pets and breeders' ads.

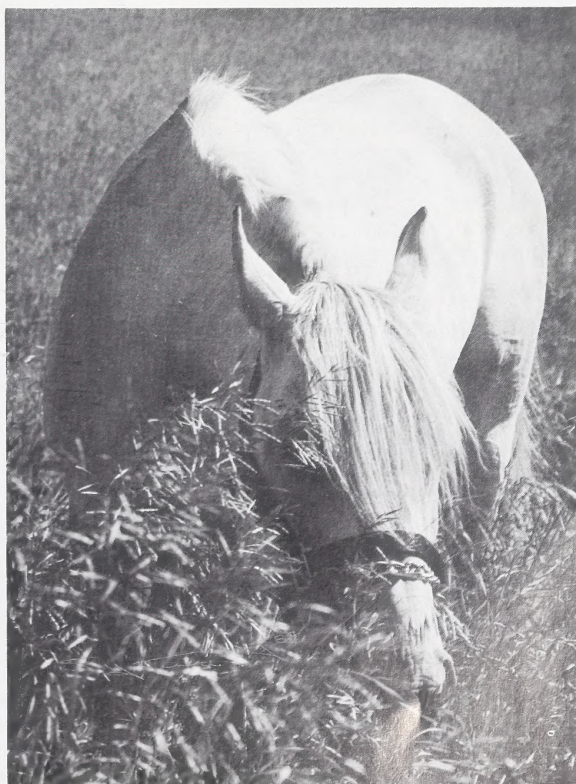
Sylvia's work has also been used in ads for the "Arabian Horse Directory of Western Canada" and the "Canadian Arabian News (Alberta Breeders Issue)."

While she freely admits to her fondness for working with animals, Sylvia equally enjoys the special challenges presented by other stationary models, such as landscapes and flowers. "And you don't have to go far for inspiration," Sylvia advises. "You can travel thousands of miles to the most spectacular and famous scenery in the world, or you can step outside your back door. A lot depends on how you feel about the moment you're trying to capture. For me, patience, persistence and an affinity for the subject matter seem to produce my most satisfying works."

Sylvia's style of photography is influenced by simplicity. She believes animals always surrender that special quality of their nature, and nature gives to every time and season a beauty all its own. Her expression of art allows one to enjoy this beauty through the keenest of eyes. ♦









# ENERGYWISE... it just makes sense

Howard Brinton, the newly-appointed Energy Efficiency Coordinator for the Department, touts the EnergyWise Program as an ideal opportunity for government employees to become actively involved in energy conservation and environmental protection.

In assuming this additional responsibility, Howard is now responsible for devising EnergyWise strategies that best suit the Department and for distributing information and promotional materials to employees. "Coordinators will meet approximately every three months to discuss progress and share ideas," Howard explains. "As up-dated information becomes available, I will ensure employees are informed of new developments... and, of course, one of the ideal ways to do this is to provide a regular contribution to *IN GENERAL*... readers."

The EnergyWise Program was announced by the Honourable Rick Orman, Minister of Alberta Energy, on January 30, 1991. Although the program was developed in response to the Persian Gulf crisis and the need to conserve fuel, one of its main objectives is to promote environmental protection. This message is not only consistent with the existing energy conservation activities of Alberta Energy's Energy Efficiency Branch, but of the Alberta government's recycle, reduce, reuse and recover initiatives.

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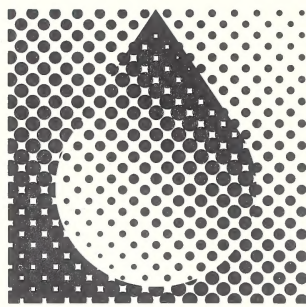
***"Some simple actions can result in fairly substantial savings and benefits over a period of time."***

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Not only can Albertans conserve energy resources for the future, but we can reduce our personal operating costs and extend the life of our vehicles. The bonus is that by taking steps which reduce emissions into the atmosphere, we can do our part to help the environment.

Before you get into the driver's seat, consider some of these fuel-saving EnergyWise ideas:

- Walk or ride a bike. The energy you burn is calories.



**ENERGYWISE**  
...it just makes sense.

- Don't ride alone. Contact your neighbours and co-workers about ride-sharing. Take advantage of park-and-ride facilities. Public transit saves operating and parking costs.
- Combine trips and plan the most efficient route. You save fuel, time and money. Did you know that short trips of less than 10 kilometres can increase fuel consumption by 20 per cent in summer, and as much as 50 per cent in winter?
- Is there another way to accomplish your objective? Maybe a teleconference call can replace a meeting, or a facsimile can replace a delivery. And a quick call can ensure that what you're shopping for is available.
- Reduce your load. Unload heavy objects from your trunk and save two per cent for every 45 kilograms. Roof-racks increase wind resistance and fuel consumption.

A well-maintained vehicle is safer, more fuel-efficient, and performs better longer. The following checklist will help you to realize EnergyWise savings:

- Radial tires improve fuel economy up to five per cent compared to bias-ply tires.
- Maintaining tire pressure at the manufacturer's recommended standards can mean up to five per cent in fuel savings.
- Older model vehicles benefit from regular tune-ups. The air/fuel ratio,

idle speed and ignition system are especially important. For example, an overly rich air/fuel mixture caused by a sticking choke can increase fuel consumption by 30 per cent.

- Using premium multigrade or synthetic oil to reduce engine friction can result in a three per cent saving.

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***"Efficient driving, while conserving fuel, also means being safety-conscious and respecting the rules of the road."***

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When you get behind the wheel, good driving habits can contribute another 10 per cent to the fuel efficiency of your vehicle... and put you dollars ahead.

- Maintain a steady speed, anticipate traffic-light changes and slow down, then accelerate gradually. Heavy and rapid acceleration can use four times as much fuel as moderate acceleration.
- Driving at 90 kilometres, instead of 110 kilometres per hour, can save 15 to 20 per cent in fuel — the difference between a hamburger and a steak when you get to Calgary from Edmonton.
- Whenever possible, avoid travelling during peak periods when a lot of stops and starts increase consumption.
- Ten seconds of idling uses more fuel than restarting the engine.
- Even if it's a little farther to go, drive the route with the best conditions, the fewest changes in elevation, less traffic and fewer stops — ideal conditions can result in savings of 10 to 30 per cent.

Maybe it's time all of us took a serious look at our transportation habits to see if we could be a little more efficient in our use of fuel, without significantly altering our lifestyles.

If you have an innovative idea, questions, or require additional information, contact Howard Brinton at 427-5011. "It just makes sense," says Howard, "to be environmentally smart, economical and EnergyWise." ♦



# Calgary Crown Wins Nolan Trophy

On February 22, 1991, a milestone was reached in the annals of Calgary Bar Association curling when Malcolm Brown, Crown Prosecutor with General Prosecutions in Calgary, skipped his team to victory in the annual bonspiel at the Calgary Winter Club. As a result, Brown and his rink comprised of Ian Kirkpatrick, Crown Prosecutor with Special Prosecutions, second Dale Ellert of Calgary and Allan ".08" Kay of Brooks, were able to lay claim to the coveted Nolan Memorial Trophy.

The trophy, which was awarded to the proud winners, was first claimed in 1959 by Dan McDonald (as he then was), Crown Prosecutor with Special Prosecutions. Dan, now a Q.C. and modest pensioner, felt his eyes moisten as he thought back over the past 32

years to the glory days of 1959. He thought that the accomplishments of the Brown rink were "totally awesome."

Other previous winners of the trophy, although perhaps not quite as renowned as our current champions, were J.H. Laycraft (now Chief Justice of Alberta), lead for the 1960 winners, William Code (now Q.C.) who skipped the winning rink in 1962, and the late Mr. Justice Joe Kryczka, who was lead for the Code rink in 1962 and also for the winning rink in 1965.

When questioned about their stunning success, Brown reported that the team received an unexpected boost from their lead when he was required to attend Calgary Provincial Court to "deal with" a couple of impaired driving cases in the

morning, leaving the team to cope in his absence. Even the lure of the curling rink was insufficient to cause Mr. Kay to forego yet another of his successful bi-weekly appearances in Calgary's impaired driving court. (We should point out that most of these appearances are, of course, in his capacity as counsel.) Mr. Kay was adequately compensated for the time he missed at the bonspiel by drawing his own name for the door prize (a portable TV), but not before he had carelessly drawn two other names simultaneously, which he felt obliged to put back.

The Attorney General could not be reached for any comment as to why Brown and Kirkpatrick were out at the curling rink instead of helping to clean up the backlog in the courts. ♦

## Mary Roll Retires

Mary Roll retired on April 30th, 1991, after 25 years with the provincial government, most of this time with Attorney General, Court Services.

Aside from being one of the mainstays of the Queen's Bench Court Reporters' office in Calgary, Mary was also responsible for planning "Sub Day," a monthly tradition in that office. Once a month, buns, meat, veggies, and other edible delights would be brought in, and all would enjoy submarine sandwiches for lunch.

A number of Mary's co-workers decided for her last Sub Day in April, Mary deserved more than your normal, run-of-the-mill sandwich. They presented Mary with a loaded, six-foot sub, with the proviso that she consume this totally before she would be allowed to retire.

She must have managed this feat, as a reception and dinner dance was held for Mary at La Caille. In attendance were a large number of Mary's past and present colleagues, as well as her



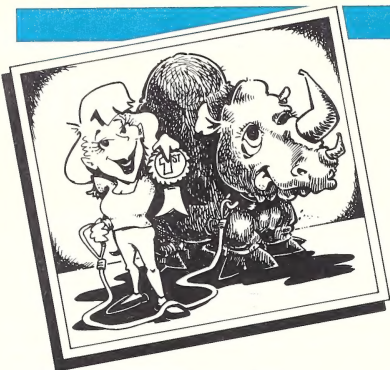
*Mary Roll consuming six-foot sub, before being allowed to retire.*

husband, Emil, and her children and their spouses.

Speaking not only for those of us who worked directly with Mary, but also those

in the Department who dealt with Mary in her role with the Court Reporters, we hope her retirement is long, healthy, and happy. ♦





## "Play Pet" Contest

Animals, animals, animals everywhere... what's the *IN GENERAL*... editor to do? Well, the editorial board members have pulled together once again to sort through the various furry candidates to come up with the winners for April, May and June. This time, however, their candid canine considerations turned into quite the "dog fight."

Now that the dust has settled, the contest continues... so if you would like to enter your pet in the next issue of the newsletter, please send a photo and brief curriculum vitae to the Communications Branch by August 26, 1991.

Winners will be eligible for entry in the "Pet of the Year" issue and to receive a (yet-to-be-determined) prize. So send your entry as soon as possible... the editorial board members just love a challenge!

### April "Play Pet"... Cassy

Carol Laverick, from Court of Queen's Bench in Grande Prairie, has a "little shadow." And while Carol may be quite diminutive herself, this particular little shadow is better known as Cassy — a very cute, active and curious nearly-two-year-old Cocker Spaniel.

Originally, Cassy hails (howls) from St. Albert. "We got her on Remembrance Day of 1989, and I still think she should have been named Poppy," explains Carol.

Cassy has a passion for stuffed toys, boat rides, her ball and an occasional library book or two. Culinary attractions include cucumbers and grapes, while she has developed an acquired taste for such delicacies as spiders and flies.

Becoming an avid camper last summer, Cassy enjoyed long walks, boat rides and relaxing in the hammock



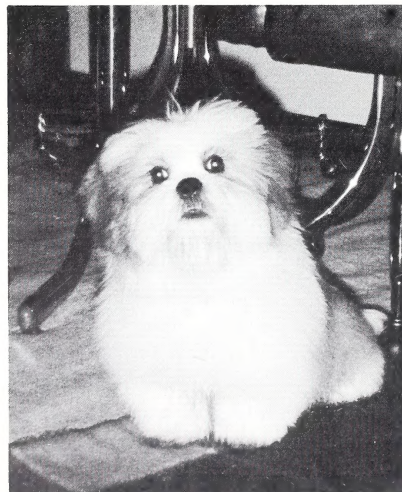
**Cassy**

(as the photo attests). Cassy is a quiet dog, rarely barks and is a bit of chicken when she hears another dog bark. So any aspirations of becoming a watch dog are definitely out — but she will more than likely settle for being a "happy camper."

### May "Play Pet"... Columbo

Columbo, a Lhasa Apso, is a friendly and intelligent dog whose breed originates in the high mountainous regions of Tibet. His short, powerful legs, long-layered coat, and large lung capacity make him well-suited to our severe weather conditions.

This fun-loving, easily trained dog has already succeeded in teaching Louise Hargreaves, Legislative Counsel Office



**Columbo**

in Edmonton, to open doors for him, feed him, and play with him. "Columbo certainly has no difficulty in letting me know that his canine concerns take priority in this household," quips Louise.

The security business seems to be Columbo's forte, as his keen sense of hearing (which was originally used by Tibetan monks as an early warning system) makes him an ideal watchdog. Louise even suggests that there is a resemblance between Columbo and the T.V. detective by the same name. "They're both cute," says Louise.

### June "Play Pet"... Niki

This 14-year-old pure-bred Beagle, whose official name is Dunboy Niki Nickola, is a naughty scamp despite her regal name.

However, Niki's introduction to this world was not quite so auspicious. Born the runt of a litter of six, she had to be fed by way of an eye dropper every four hours around the clock for the first month of her new life. Once she had made it past that crucial period, of course, there was no looking back.

Well and truly into puppyhood, any object remotely pliable would be chewed or shredded beyond recognition. It was fortunate, indeed, that her home at that time was for-the-most-part furnished in the "early poverty" motif.

As Niki developed into an adult dog, her pursuits became much more whimsical (which may be a result of her difficult birth). Sitting on top of her dog house and bird watching are major obsessions, but one must never forget the first and foremost priority of any beagle — food, food and more FOOD. However, her rapacious appetite does not mean that she simply consumes food with a certain amount of gusto — she INHALES it!

Scents are important too — particularly when Niki has the opportunity to drag a family member through a smelly swamp, thatches of skin-scarring bush, and even a patch of quick-sand, if she can run fast and far enough, just to have the supreme pleasure of coming face-to-face with a startled (oops!) skunk.

"I may not be any Graham Greene, but I could probably belt out a quick book entitled 'Travels With My Beagle'," laments Susan O'Sullivan, Public Affairs Officer with the Communications Branch.



"On second thought, I think Charles Schultz said all that can be said about the beagle mentality in his popular Snoopy cartoons."

Niki is now a senior citizen in the doggie world, but she continues to provide a great deal of enjoyment and companionship to Susan and her daughter, Claire. ♦

**NOTE:** Since Susan is also the Editor of IN GENERAL... and wishes to avoid any perceived conflict of interest, she has voluntarily withdrawn Niki from the list of Play Pet finalists.



Niki

## Lindsay MacDonald Farewell Dinner

A farewell dinner was held in honour of Lindsay MacDonald, Appellate Counsel in Calgary on March 14, 1991 at the Glencoe Club. More than 80 people were in attendance, including justices of the Court of Appeal and Court of Queen's Bench and judges from the Provincial Court of Alberta, as well as Lindsay's former colleagues and support staff from the Calgary Crown Prosecutors' Office and from the Appeals, Research and Special Projects Branch.

Lindsay left the Attorney General's Department to take up the post of Discipline Counsel with the Law Society of Alberta effective March 15, 1991. A former Ontario practitioner, Lindsay

## Promotions and Appointments

### ADMINISTRATION

**Michael Arychuk** appointed Budget Officer, Financial Services, Edmonton, effective March 25, 1991.

**Isobel Duchesneau** appointed Accounts Payable Clerk, Financial Services, Edmonton, effective March 1, 1991.

**Rachel Godfrey** appointed Administrative Support II, Microfilm Library, Calgary, effective November 13, 1990.

**Susan Godwin** appointed Pay and Benefits Clerk, Financial Services, Edmonton, effective April 22, 1991.

**Patricia McGill** appointed Receptionist, Personnel Services, Edmonton, effective April 5, 1991.

**Deanna Moe** appointed Accounts Payable Clerk, Financial Services, Edmonton, effective March 1, 1991.

**Rita Randa** appointed Pay and Benefits Supervisor, Financial Services, Edmonton, effective April 15, 1991.

**Gordon Stefaniuk** appointed Application Analyst, Systems and Information Services, Edmonton, effective March 18, 1991.

**Carole Wedgwood** appointed Secretary to Acting Executive Director, Court Services, Edmonton, effective April 29, 1991.

### MAINTENANCE ENFORCEMENT

**Brandy Bidniak** appointed Enforcement Officer, Maintenance Enforcement Program, Edmonton, effective April 8, 1991.

**Francine Carefoot** appointed Registration Clerk, Maintenance Enforcement Program, Edmonton, effective May 13, 1991.

**Monique Charrois** appointed Enforcement Inquiry Clerk, Maintenance Enforcement Program, Edmonton, effective May 6, 1991.

**Doug Collins** appointed Enforcement Inquiry Clerk, Maintenance Enforcement Program, effective May 6, 1991.

**Wanda Ducherer** appointed Reciprocity Administrator, Maintenance Enforcement Program, Edmonton, effective April 25, 1991.

**Les Durant** appointed Enforcement Officer, Maintenance Enforcement Program, Edmonton, effective April 8, 1991.

**Sheila Fantini** appointed Enforcement Officer, Maintenance Enforcement Program, Edmonton, effective May 15, 1991.

**Gina Gibson** appointed Enforcement Inquiry Clerk, Maintenance Enforcement Program, Edmonton, effective May 21, 1991.

**Inge Hendricks** appointed Enforcement Officer, Maintenance Enforcement Program, Edmonton, effective April 8, 1991.

**Gail Humeny** appointed Enforcement Officer, Maintenance Enforcement Program, Edmonton, effective April 8, 1991.

**Joanne Zemanek Maine** appointed Enforcement Support Clerk, Maintenance Enforcement Program, Edmonton, effective April 22, 1991.

**Mary McMahon** appointed Enforcement Inquiry Clerk, Maintenance Enforcement Program, Edmonton, effective May 15, 1991.

**Jane Pinch** appointed Enforcement Inquiry Clerk, Maintenance Enforcement Program, Edmonton, effective April 1, 1991.

**Trudy Reynar** appointed Finance Clerk, Maintenance Enforcement Program, Edmonton, effective March 18, 1991.

**Sandra Sharhan** appointed File Clerk, Maintenance Enforcement Program, Edmonton, effective April 24, 1991.

**Rachelle Toliver** appointed Enforcement Officer, Maintenance Enforcement Program, Edmonton, effective April 8, 1991.

**Dawne Trachuk** appointed Enforcement Inquiry Clerk, Maintenance Enforcement Program, Edmonton, effective May 6, 1991.

**Nicola Tyler** appointed Enforcement Inquiry Clerk, Maintenance Enforcement Program, Edmonton, effective May 6, 1991.

**Katherine White** appointed Office Services Supervisor, Maintenance Enforcement Program, Edmonton, effective April 18, 1991.

came to Calgary in 1981 and spent five years as a Crown Prosecutor for the Attorney General. He was appointed Assistant Chief Crown Prosecutor in 1986, and for the past five years had served as Appellate Counsel for the Department.

Peter Martin, Q.C., Appellate Counsel, was Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Mr. Justice Kerans congratulated Lindsay on behalf of the Court of Appeal, and Paul Bourque, Director of the Appeals and Criminal Law Policy Branch, presented Lindsay with a plaque in recognition of his outstanding service to the Department over the past 10 years and wished him well in his new position. ♦

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## Promotions and Appointments...

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**Giselle Yanish** appointed Enforcement Supervisor, Maintenance Enforcement Program, Edmonton, effective February 1, 1991.

**Muriel Yorga** appointed Enforcement Support Clerk, Maintenance Enforcement Program, Edmonton, effective April 22, 1991.

### COURT SERVICES

**Sheila Beaudry** appointed Court/Counter Clerk, Provincial Court, Stony Plain, effective April 1, 1991.

**Brenda Billey** appointed Judicial Clerk, Court of Queen's Bench, Edmonton, effective February 25, 1991.

**Diana Brekkas** appointed Court/Counter Clerk, Provincial Court, Peace River, effective March 1, 1991.

**Linda Cutler** appointed Assistant to the District Manager, Court of Queen's Bench, Sherwood Park, effective March 11, 1991.

**Wade Garner** appointed Court Reporter, Court of Queen's Bench, Fort McMurray, effective March 1, 1991.

**Darlene Gaunt** appointed Judicial Clerk, Provincial Court, Medicine Hat, effective June 1, 1991.

**Wan Cheung Hui** appointed Counter Clerk, Sheriff's Office, Calgary, effective April 1, 1991.

**Mary-Anne Janewski** appointed Court/Counter Clerk, Provincial Court (Civil), Edmonton, effective March 7, 1991.

**Inge Kellier** appointed Front Desk Clerk, Court Reporting Services, Edmonton, effective April 8, 1991.

**Cheryl MacDonald** appointed Counter Clerk, Sheriff's Office, Edmonton, effective April 30, 1991.

**Edna Mapletoft** appointed Photocopier Operator, Court Records Office, Calgary, effective May 1, 1991.

**Gloria Martinez** appointed Judicial Clerk, Family and Youth Court, Red Deer, effective April 1, 1991.

**Rosie Misiuk** promoted to Court/Counter Clerk, Provincial Court, Civil Division, Calgary, effective April 1, 1991.

**Linda Norman** appointed Court/Counter Clerk, Provincial Court, Wetaskiwin, effective March 18, 1991.

**Dianne Ohlheiser** appointed On-Line Data Processing Operator, Sheriff's Office, Calgary, effective May 1, 1991.

**Gita Patel** appointed On-Line Data Processing Operator, Sheriff's Office, Calgary, effective May 1, 1991.

**Mirella Perri** appointed Counter Clerk, Sheriff's Office, Edmonton, effective April 15, 1991.

**Harold Purdy** appointed Security Officer, Court Security, Calgary, effective June 1, 1991.

**Sharon Richard** appointed Judicial Clerk, Provincial Court, Medicine Hat, effective June 1, 1991.

**Michaelann Russel** appointed Judicial Clerk, Court of Queen's Bench, Edmonton, effective May 6, 1991.

**Noreen Schwanke** appointed Secretary to the Court Manager, Family & Youth Court, Edmonton, effective April 15, 1991.

**Nicole Simoneau** appointed Court/Counter Clerk, Provincial Court, Grande Prairie, effective May 27, 1991.

**Gracia Sousa** appointed Court/Counter Clerk, Provincial Court, Fort McMurray, effective March 18, 1991.

**Clarice Tatarin** appointed Court/Counter Clerk, Provincial Court, Stony Plain, effective April 1, 1991.

**Bernadette Tracy** appointed Counter Clerk, Sheriff's Office, Edmonton, effective April 29, 1991.

**Liane Volk** appointed Court Reporter, Court Reporting Services, Edmonton, effective April 8, 1991.

**Kathy Wright** promoted to Judicial Clerk, Provincial Court, Medicine Hat, effective March 18, 1991.

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**Debora Armstrong** appointed Witness Central Clerk, Crown Prosecutors Office, Edmonton, effective July 1, 1991.

**Marie Aubin** appointed Legal Secretary, Crown Prosecutors Office, Peace River, effective July 1, 1991.

**Cindy Denton** appointed Legal Secretary, Crown Prosecutors Office, Fort McMurray, effective May 1, 1991.

**Margaret Duncan** appointed Legal Secretary, Crown Prosecutors Office, St. Albert, effective July 1, 1991.

**Vivian Ellwein** appointed Legal Secretary, Crown Prosecutors Office, Barrhead, effective July 1, 1991.

**Valerie Erickson** appointed Legal Secretary, Crown Prosecutors Office, Lethbridge, effective July 1, 1991.

**Diane Gallagher** appointed Receptionist/Typist, Crown Prosecutors Office, Calgary, effective April 15, 1991.

**Carol Gould** appointed Legal Secretary, Crown Prosecutors Office, Grande Prairie, effective July 1, 1991.

**Joan Jewitt** appointed Crown Prosecutor, General Prosecutions, Edmonton, effective March 1, 1991.

**Carol Lecuyer** appointed Legal Secretary, Crown Prosecutors Office, Drumheller, effective July 1, 1991.

**Gwena Ozem** appointed Crown Prosecutor, General Prosecutions, Edmonton, effective April 15, 1991.

**Sandra Perrior** appointed Legal Secretary, Crown Prosecutors Office, Medicine Hat, effective July 1, 1991.

**Lori Raivio** appointed CJIS Co-ordinator, Crown Prosecutors Office, Edmonton, effective May 1, 1991.

**Thomas T. Umscheid** appointed Crown Prosecutor, General Prosecutions Branch, Vegreville, effective February 19, 1991.

**Earl Wilson** promoted to Appellate Counsel, Appeals and Criminal Law Policy, Calgary, effective June 1, 1991.

### LEGAL RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

**Peggy Hartman** appointed Senior Manager III, Legal Research and Analysis, Edmonton, effective July 1, 1991.

### LAND TITLES OFFICE

**Jan Beaton** appointed Land Titles Writer, Land Titles Office, Calgary, effective April 1, 1991.

**Shamim Dharamshi** appointed Land Titles Writer, Land Titles Office, Calgary, effective April 1, 1991.

**Wanda Komarnisky** appointed Duplicating Equipment Operator, Land Titles Office, Edmonton, effective April 22, 1991.

**David Kopchia** appointed Application Analyst, Land Titles Office, Edmonton, effective April 15, 1991.

**Grace Paradis** appointed Systems Receptionist, Land Titles Office, Edmonton, effective October 15, 1990.

**Carrie-Anne Permann** appointed Land Titles Writer, Land Titles Office, Calgary, effective April 1, 1991.

**Sandra Pond** appointed Land Titles Writer, Land Titles Office, Calgary, effective April 1, 1991.

**Glennis Servage** appointed Accounts Payable Supervisor, Land Titles, Edmonton, effective March 18, 1991.

**Koo Wan Siong** appointed Land Titles Writer, Land Titles Office, Calgary, effective April 29, 1991.

### PUBLIC TRUSTEE

**Darlene Hawes** appointed Word Processing Secretary, Public Trustee Office, Calgary, effective April 15, 1991.

**Linda Sipari** appointed Word Processing Supervisor, Public Trustee Office, Edmonton, effective May 13, 1991.

**Clara Stack** appointed Estates Administrator, Public Trustee Office, Edmonton, effective April 15, 1991.

### MEDICAL EXAMINERS

**Dennis Caufield** appointed Medical Examiner's Investigator, Medical Examiner's Office, Edmonton, effective March 11, 1991.

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